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SUBJECT: DEPSEC SOUTH ASIAN TRIP: ISLAMABAD

REF: STATE 67059

1. REGRET DELAY BUT AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PRESIDENT BHUTTO AND KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INTENSELY PREOCCUPIED OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS WITH DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS, ABOVE ALL WITH PASSAGE OF NEW CONSTITUTION.

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MFA, CONFIRMED APRIL 11 SCHEDULE FOR DEPSEC VISIT AS OUTLINED STATE 63493 WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS HE BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO HOST "WORKING LUNCH" (24 PEOPLE) AT HOEL INTERCONTINENTAL. THIS SUBSTITUTES FOR CHARGE'S LUNCH.

B. PRESIDENT BHUTTO WOULD PREFER TO MEET WITH DEPSEC AT 1700 ON APRIL 26 RATHER THAN EARLIER IN DAY.

C. PRESIDENT'S DINNER TIMING WILL SLIP TO 2015 HOURS.

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D. AT MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN SECRETARY ALVIE, ADDITIONAL SECY A. A. SHAIKH, DIREGEN AMERICAS ZAKI AND DIRECTOR AMERICA NAIM WILL BE PRESENT. PROBABLE THAT BHUTTO WILL ASK AZIZ AHMED TO BE PRESENT AT HIS MEETING WITH DEPSEC.

E. GUEST LIST FOR CHARGE' S DINNER WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTEL. WE WILL FORWARD GUEST LISTS FOR MINISTER' S LUNCH AND PRESIDENT' S DINNER ASAP BUT PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IT VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FULL, PRECISE LISTS IN ADVANCE FOR FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR MINISTERS.

3. DETAILED SCHEDULE CONTAINING ABOVE CHANGES FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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